tailed Feasibility Report, tie up of finances etc.

Condition of Azadpur Sabji Mandi in Delhi

5699. SHRI S. N. VEKARIA:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADAVA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Azadpur Sabji Mandi in Delhi is in a pitiable condition as reported in the Navbharat Times dated January 13,1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the spteps taken/being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The report appearing in 'Nav Bharat Times' dated 13th January, 1992 has drawn attention to certain problems relating to traffic congestion, encroachments, insanitary conditions, inadequate water and electricity supply, etc. These problems have arisen largely due to continuous increase in volume of market arrivals over the years. The conditions, however, are not as bad as have been made out in the report.

(c). The steps taken/being taken by the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) are enumerated below:

(i) The contract for development of New Fruit Market (NFM)-Phase-II, has already been awarded and considerable progress has been made in this regard. An additional auction space of around 10,000 sq. meter is likely to be developed and made available to the traders before the onset of monsoon. Additionally, the development on Cement Godown Area in NFM, Phase-I is also in progress and would provide another 1700 sq. meters of auction space.

(ii) The Kela Siding has been improved by providing water Bound Macadam hard-surface on the entire area used by Kela (Banana) traders.

(iii) In order to relieve traffic congestion during the peak season, truck traffic is being regulated. A new temporary check-post is errected at Jahangir Puri to allow entry to treks only in batches. The erring truck owners are challenged.

(iv) The licences are issued to the various market functionaries as per the guidelines of the Delhi State Agricultural Marketing Board. The licensing policy is, however, being liberalised, in consultation with the Federation of Fruit and Vegetable Trade Association, to remove their genuine grievances.

(v) Special squads have been formed to clear encroachments. Daily drive is being conducted to remove rehris/khomchas. The entry of mobile vendors had been banned. A big portation of encroached land at exit point has been got vacated and fenced.

(vi) The lanes/by-lanes/dhallaos are being cleared every day and special cleanliness drives are organised every Sunday, when the Mandi is normally free from traffic. A contract has been awarded to M/s Escorts Ltd. to maintain the roadworthiness of sanitation vehicles. All the sewers and storm-water

drains have been made functional.

(vii) All street lights have been made fully functional and any complaint in this regard is attended to promptly. D. E. S. U. has also been approached for sanctioning additional load.

(viii) The 13 water huts/pios have been made fully functional. In case of additional requirements, the APMC makes arrangements for provision of water-trollies, particularly, during the summer season.

[*Translation*]

Installation of Security Equipments in Vigyan Bhavan

5700. SHRI KAMAL MISHRA NADHUKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigyan Bhavan in the Capital has been lying unused for want of installation of security equipments; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b). Vigyan Bhavan is presently under renovation and the restoration/renovation work is planned for completion by April, 1993. In view of this, the question of its lying unused for want of installation of security equipments does not arise.

[*English*]

Paris Convention on Intellectual Propety

5701. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Director General of World Intellectual Property Organisation has urged the Government to Sign Paris Convention;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The World Intellectual Property Organisation has been requesting the Government of India to accede to the Paris Convention for protection of intellectual property. No decision has been taken as yet in the matter.

Withdrawals from General Provident Fund

5702. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban withdrawal/advance by the Central Government Employees from their General Provident Funds accounts in view of the economic crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE